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SUBJ: ALTOS HORNOS STEEL MILL EXPANSION

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1. AMBASSADOR MCBRIDE, ACCOMPANIED BY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE', MET OCT. 29 WITH PRESIDENT OF ALTOS HORNOS, ING. ANTONIO PADILLA SEGURA, TO EXPRESS USG INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL OF US GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT EXPANSION. PROBLEMS INVOLVING BIDDING FOR MILL EXPANSION WERE DISCUSSED OPENLY AND IN DETAIL.

2. EMBASSY INTEREST WILL BE FURTHER EXPRESSED AT LUNCH SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 14 AT RESIDENCE UPON RETURN OF AMBASSADOR TO INCLUDE PADILLA SEGURA, FOUR TOP OFFICIALS OF ALTOS HORNOS AND SECRETARIAT OF FINANCE, PLUS EMBASSY OFFICERS.

3. MEETING WITH PADILLA SEGURA WELL TIMED AND WELL RECEIVED. PADILLA STATED THAT MCKEE CONSORTIUM APPEARS TO BE IN FAVORED POSITION AT THE MOMENT BUT THAT FINANCING TERMS COULD BE STRONG FACTOR IN FINAL DECISION. HE ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT MCKEE/KOPPERS INSTALLATIONS IN US DURING PROJECTED TRIP TO CHICAGO AT END OF MONTH.
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